

**“Help, what do these numbers mean?”**  
**Linking Surveillance with Prevention through Data**

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This session will provide an overview of HIV/AIDS surveillance for those individuals from HIV/AIDS prevention programs who would like to increase their awareness of (or review) the fundamentals of HIV/AIDS surveillance. The session will cover topics such as the definition of surveillance; where, when, and how surveillance is conducted; the evolution of HIV/AIDS surveillance; confidentiality issues; the importance of evaluation; the use and dissemination of surveillance data; and where to go to learn more about surveillance. Additionally, specific examples of using surveillance data for public health planning and prevention activities will be presented.

***Session objectives***

- ☐ To improve general understanding of HIV/AIDS surveillance.
- ☐ To more fully appreciate how and why surveillance data is collected.
- ☐ To more fully appreciate the usefulness of surveillance data for planning, targeting, and evaluating prevention programs.

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